



New Haven Democracy Fund

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DEMOCRACY FUND BOARD MEETING

6:15 Thursday, August 15, 2019

New Haven City Hall – 165 Church Street

Second Floor, Conference Room 2

New Haven Democracy Fund Board:

Sergio Rodriguez, Chair

James O'Connell

William Wynn (Excused)

Aaron Goode

(Three Seats Vacant)

Democracy Fund Administrator: Alyson Heimer

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order & Attendance

Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:12pm.

2. Approval of prior minutes

Goode motioned to approve the July 24th minutes. Approved 3-0-0.

3. Administrator's Report

a. Debate details and rules.

- i. 7pm on September 5, 2020 at Co-Op High School (177 College St.)

O'Connell requested reserved seating at the front for Board members.

Rodriguez will introduce board members and Heimer will explain the fund.

O'Connell wanted additional information about the proposed panelists: Paul Bass, Mary O'Leary and Mercy Quaye.

Heimer will follow up with Bass and the other co-sponsors about the panelists. Heimer will also check on advertising costs in NHR and using the remainder of the budgeted amount for debate costs for advertising the event.

ii. Q2 Elicker matching funds request

The Friends of Justin Elicker submitted 393 names on Monday and 45 were rejected (not registered to vote, already gave, registered at a different address, etc.). The Administrator has qualified and approved a disbursement of \$19,060. The request will be sent to the finance department following the approval of this report.

O'Connell motioned to approve the Administrator's Report. Accepted 3-0-0.

4. Public Comment

Gage Frank thanks the Board for their fast turn around on the filings this year and the work done to set up the mayoral debate [a requirement of participation in the Fund]. .

5. New Business

Elections Task Force Update from O'Connell - the task force has submitted its report. Primarily reviewed polling locations, created recommendations for new polling locations. The EDR challenge was addressed including parking, possible location change. More staff, more IT lines were identified. Each EDR person takes 20 minutes to register - due to data checks in national systems for repeat voting and active registration. The document has been submitted to the Town Clerk.

Motion to adjourn by O'connell. Adjourned at 7:07pm.